

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 185

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Tennessee Technological University on being listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those colleges and universities that educate their students about the importance of public service and of giving back to their communities and this great State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Technological University is one such noteworthy educational institution that has, through its excellent service learning program, instilled into its students the value of dedicated public service and active participation in the community for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Tech has been listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a prestigious honor earned for exemplary community service efforts; and

WHEREAS, launched in 2006, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Tennessee Tech University President, Bob Bell, and Tennessee Tech University Service Center Director, Theresa Ennis, the university was recognized in honor of its successful service-learning programs and civic engagement programs that led to over 2,000 students volunteering more than 10,000 hours of work during the 2007-2008 academic year; and

WHEREAS, honorees are selected on consideration of the scope, innovativeness, and evidence of effectiveness of its service projects, the percentage of total student enrollment

engaged in the service activities, especially those engaged in at least twenty hours of service per semester, the percentage of total enrollment engaged in academic service-learning courses, the extent to which these courses are offered by the university, whether the service is a required part of the curriculum, whether the institution rewards the faculty for the use of service-learning, whether community service is cited in the institution's mission statement, and whether the institution supports at least one full-time staff member as a coordinator of student community service activities, among other criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service and is sponsored by the United States Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, known as the Volunteer State, Tennessee is built upon a spirit of community service and volunteerism, and this General Assembly wishes to pause in its deliberations to commend those estimable colleges and universities that continue to teach these foundational values; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tennessee Technological University on its flourishing service-learning and civic engagement programs, and congratulate the President, administration, staff, faculty, and students on being listed on the prestigious President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.